

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An assembly for use in combination with a torque converter and a crankshaft, said assembly comprising a stator; ~~and~~ a rotor which is coupled to said crankshaft, which rotor is mechanically isolated from said torque converter, and which rotor is in flux communication with said stator; a flexible plate member which is coupled to said crankshaft; and a plurality of fastening members which are coupled to said flexible plate member and to said torque converter and which fastening members traverse said rotor.

2. (canceled)

3. The assembly of claim 2 wherein said rotor includes a central hub portion which is received by said crankshaft and wherein said assembly further includes at least a second fastener which couples said central hub portion to said crankshaft.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The assembly of claim ~~2-1~~ wherein said at least one fastening member has certain diameter and wherein said rotor has an aperture which is substantially larger than said certain diameter through which said at least one fastening member passes.

6. The assembly of Claim 1 wherein said assembly further comprises a flexible plate member which is coupled to said crankshaft; at least one fastener which is coupled to said flexible plate member and to said torque converter, and wherein said rotor includes an outwardly protruding pocket which overlays said at least one fastener.

7. The assembly of Claim 1 wherein said assembly further comprises a flexible plate member which is coupled to said crankshaft; at least one fastener which is

coupled to said flexible plate member and to said torque converter, and wherein said rotor includes an outwardly protruding ring which overlays said at least one fastener.

8. (currently amended) The assembly of Claim 1 ~~wherein said torque converter is disposed within a case and~~ wherein said assembly further comprises a case containing the torque converter, a flexible plate member which is coupled to said crankshaft, at least one fastener which is coupled to said flexible plate member and the said torque converter; a bearing support member which is disposed within said case; and a bearing which is coupled to said bearing support member and to said rotor.

9. The assembly of Claim 8 wherein said rotor includes an outwardly protruding pocket which overlays said at least one fastener.

10. The assembly of Claim 8 wherein said rotor includes an outwardly protruding ring which overlays said at least one fastener.

11. The assembly of Claim 9 wherein said outwardly protruding pocket is cupped.

12. (currently amended) An assembly for use in combination with a crankshaft and a torque converter, said assembly comprising a rotor which is coupled to said crankshaft and includes at least one outwardly protruding ring; and a plate member which is disposed between said rotor and said torque converter and having an outer portion which is coupled to torque converter by the use of a fastener which is mechanically isolated from said rotor.

13. (currently amended) The assembly of Claim 12 wherein said rotor is mechanically isolated from said torque converter.

14. The assembly of Claim 12 wherein said rotor is detached from said torque converter.

15. The assembly of Claim 12 further comprising at least one fastening member which is coupled to said plate member and to said torque converter.

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) An assembly for use in combination with a crankshaft and a torque converter, said assembly comprising a rotor which is coupled to said crankshaft; The assembly of Claim 12- wherein said rotor includes at least one outwardly protruding pocket; and a plate member which disposed between said rotor and said torque converter and having an outer portion which is coupled to the torque converter by the use of a fastener which is mechanically isolated from said rotor.

18. (canceled)

19. (canceled)

20. (canceled)

21. (new) The assembly of Claim 17 wherein said rotor is mechanically isolated from said torque converter.

22. (new) The assembly of Claim 17 further comprising at least one fastening member which is coupled to said plate member and to said torque converter.